

IN THE CLAIMS

1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A method for configuring an operating system in a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a language-independent operating system image and a plurality of language files in the computer system;

b) determining a language supported by the computer system; and

c) associating the language supported by the computer system with the language-independent operating system image utilizing one of the language files.

17. (Original) The method claim 16, wherein step b) further comprises:

b1) querying a keyboard of the computer system to determine the language being supported by the computer system.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the keyboard comprises a universal serial bus (USB) keyboard.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the keyboard comprises at least one report descriptor wherein the at least one report descriptor comprises a language supported by the computer system.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein step b1) further comprises:

b1i) querying the at least one report descriptor to determine the language supported by the keyboard.

21. (Previously Presented) A system for configuring an operating system in a computer system, the system comprising:

- a) means for providing a language-independent operating system image and a plurality of language files in the computer system;
- b) means for determining a language supported by the computer system; and
- c) means for associating the language supported by the computer system with the language-independent operating system image utilizing one of the language files.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the computer comprises a keyboard and the means for selecting one of the plurality of operating system images comprises means for querying the keyboard to determine the language being supported by the computer.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the keyboard comprises a universal serial bus (USB) keyboard.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the keyboard comprises at least one report descriptor and the at least one report descriptor comprises the language supported by the computer.

25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the means for querying the keyboard further comprises:

means for querying the at least one report descriptor to determine the language supported by the keyboard.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium ~~containing~~ encoded with a computer program instructions for configuring an operating system in a computer system, the

computer program instructions comprising the steps of computer-executable instructions for:

- a) providing a language-independent operating system image and a plurality of language files in the computer system;
- b) determining a language supported by the computer system; and
- e) associating the language supported by the computer system with the language-independent operating system image utilizing one of the language files.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein ~~step b)~~ determining a language supported by the computer system further comprises:

- b4) querying a keyboard of the computer system to determine the language being supported by the computer system.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the keyboard comprises a universal serial bus (USB) keyboard.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the keyboard comprises at least one report descriptor wherein the at least one report descriptor comprises a language supported by the computer system.

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein ~~step b4)~~ querying the keyboard of the computer system to determine the language being supported by the computer system further comprises:

- b4i) querying the at least one report descriptor to determine the language supported by the keyboard.